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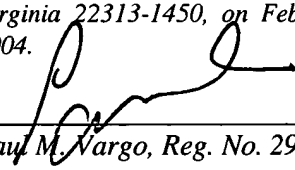
For: **BI-DIRECTIONAL RING
NETWORK HAVING MINIMUM
SPARE BANDWIDTH
ALLOCATION AND
CORRESPONDING CONNECTION
ADMISSION CONTROLS**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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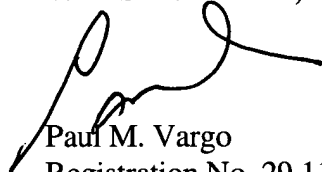
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An action on the merits has not yet been received for the subject patent application. Thus, no petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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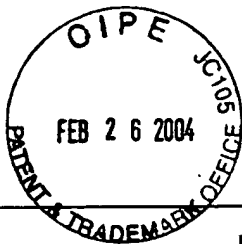
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